

We are the champions



HIS SECOND MARRIAGE 'DISASTROUS'

A MARLOW MAN'S 10-year-old marriage ended in tragedy when his wife died of a heart disease. He was so upset during the last stages of her illness that he could not visit her. But when he received a letter saying that she understood his feelings he rushed to see her. She died before he got there.

After a long period of loneliness struggling to bring up their young son Kenneth Bray contacted a marriage bureau. He met Sheila, a divorcee, and married her within six weeks. The marriage turned out to be "disastrous", counsel Michael Vivian, told Marlow magistrates on Thursday.

Bray, of 5 Mead Close, Marlow, pleaded guilty to assaulting his wife on April 21 and causing her actual bodily harm. He was conditionally discharged for two years and ordered to pay £10.40 medical fees and £10 costs.

Kicked and pulled

Bray returned home early in the afternoon of April 21 to find his wife preparing to take their 11-month-old son for a walk. He told her never to return, said Mr. John Cumberlege.

A verbal battle started then Bray "got hold of his wife's coat and shook and slapped her face. She went into the kitchen carrying the baby and he followed her and started kicking her and pulling her hair. This took place while she was holding the baby."

"He then took the baby and continued kicking her and pulling her hair. Mrs. Bray fled out of the house and went to a neighbour's where she telephoned the police."

When a police officer arrived she was holding a clump of hair which had been pulled from the centre of her head and had bruising on one calf. Bray was arrested. He admitted injuring his wife, but would give no explanation.

ELEGANT GRAN



Mrs. Norma Iremonger, of 35 Everest Road, High Wycombe, won the weekly heat of the "Most Elegant Grandmother" competition whilst staying at a Prestatyn holiday village, Clwyd in North Wales. She qualifies for the all-season finals, held later this year. Norma is a young and attractive gran of only 43, who is a burnette housewife and her hobbies include gardening and reading. She won this contest for her good dress sense and well groomed and smart appearance. While on holiday she celebrated her silver wedding.

Mr. Vivian said that Bray, an accountant, has had guilt feelings since his first wife died because he did not get to see her in time. "He, of course, found his second wife wholly different and it was a disaster that he should have married his second wife."

She wanted to have their baby adopted, but Bray refused to do this. He had now decided to take his first son to live with his mother in Bristol, despite the fact that he was desperately unhappy about leaving the baby. He had promised not to see his wife again, said Mr. Vivian.

Place in a mess

The cause of the argument was alleged that Bray had been drinking as the prosecution alleged. "He doesn't go out and drink and beat his wife up. He went home and he found the atmosphere intolerable. She hadn't spoken to him for two days. The place was in a mess and she hadn't paid any bills."

Mrs. Bray had not said she was going out and Bray was afraid she was taking the baby away from him.

"It's easy to tabulate the crisis which has befallen him, a man who, before his first wife died, was totally normal," continued Mr. Vivian.

The scenes of jubilation over, Wycombe Wanderers were able to relax for our colour picture of the new Rothmans Isthmian League champions. By beating Leytonstone 3-0 at Loakes Park on Saturday, the Blues clinched their third title in four years only this season they will have something to show for their efforts — £1,600 from the sponsors.

There were some memorable scenes at the end of the match with hordes of Wycombe fans invading the pitch to pay tribute to their heroes. The Wycombe players and officials responded by sharing their championship winning champagne with their supporters, while skipper Larry Pritchard, who scored two of the goals, was chaired around the field.

The celebrations didn't end there. The club staged a disco in the evening and many of the records were swamped by the chants of "We are the champions" and "Up the Blues." Wycombe's triumph capped a tremendous season for the club including the 3-1 F.A. Cup victory over Newport County and the Berks and Bucks Senior F.A. Cup success.

The team line up is as follows: Back row (from left to right) Brian Lee (manager), Ian Rundell, Jack Sheppard (trainer), Dylan Evans, Dave Bullock, Keith Mead, Jack Smotherby (chairman), Graham Mackenzie, Steve Perrin, Keith Searle, John Mackell, Kevin Raine, John Readon (assistant manager), front row Roger Grant, Phil Wood, Paul Birdseye, Tony Horseman (with packet of Rothmans!), Mick Hollifield, Larry Pritchard (capt.), and Tarry Readon.

Picture, and those on back page, by Bob Mead.

NEW TWIST TO THE OLD SCHOOL 'B'

By ROBERT HOUSE

THERE HAS been a new twist in the story of the old Wendover Church of England Middle school which was bought by a development company for £37,000 on Thursday. It may be re-sold. The parents of Prebendal school, a private school in Aylesbury due for closure, were outbid by £2,000 by the Cottage Men Ltd., of Buckland Wharf, a company who specialise in the residential development of old buildings. Now the parents have come up with more money and will make an offer of about £40,000 to the Cottage Men this week.

This may be the end of a long fight by parents to find a new home for some 120 boys and girls from the Vale of Aylesbury aged between five and 16 who will have to leave on the closure day, July 19.

Ironically the site of their school, next to St. Mary's church in Aylesbury, has been bought by a property developing company. When the sale started came under the hammer at the George and Dragon, Princes Risborough on Thursday, there were surprisingly few bidders. The auction room packed with "interested parties" and onlookers saw a first bid of £25,000 and seconds later after Prebendal parents reached their maximum — the deal was made for just £27,000.

Before the sale started there was talk of companies who wanted to buy the building for conversion to a management training centre. But it was mere speculation.

It may have been the thought of the cost of renovation and conversion that put other would be buyers off. Figures mentioned before the hammer fell went as high as £20,000.

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Three hurt in crash

WHEN A lorry and a car were involved in a collision on the Marlow-Bishop by-pass on Monday night three people were injured. Two who came from Henley were detained in Wycombe Hospital seriously ill.

PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF BUCKS?

DO THE people of Bucks really care about the future of their county? The new Bucks County Council, born on April 1 and meeting officially for the first time on Thursday, wondered just that. From the County Hall meeting at Aylesbury came criticisms of a general lack of Public interest in the future planning of Bucks.

The criticism came when Councillor Roger Parker-Jervis, of Hughenden, chairman of the highways, planning and transportation committee was speaking of the analysis prepared on the public's reaction to the booklet "Change and Choice".

low in relation to the total population of the county. "It conforms with experience elsewhere," stated the report. Most comments received were opposed to growth and were apprehensive of change. There was support by the majority for a policy providing for limited growth — no further growth beyond commitments existing in South Bucks, but growth associated with existing local industry in the central part of the county.

The strongest reaction, said the report, was on two issues which were less fully covered in "Change and Choice". These were housing, particularly for the lower-paid, and transportation, especially the respective importance of public transport and the private car.

About 350 organisations and individuals commented on the booklet, but the number was

The old council published the booklet as part of the "public participation" programme to prepare a structure plan for the county. It put forward some feelings which might be included in a draft plan, and, where appropriate, alternative policies.

In a committee report, Councillor Parker-Jervis told members that in spite of the booklet being made widely available, a number of public meetings being held, and people and organisations being encouraged to give their views, the analysis showed a general lack of interest in the county's future.

Delays were expected in completion of the centre but these were largely due to small contractors and not the roof collapse.

Raising the roof — again

THE STEEL roof which collapsed during the construction of the new Wycombe Sports Centre is to be re-erected this week and will take three or four weeks to complete.

"Everything has been checked by an independent firm and the structure is basically sound," said Mr. C. Knowles, acting district secretary, and a committee meeting last week.

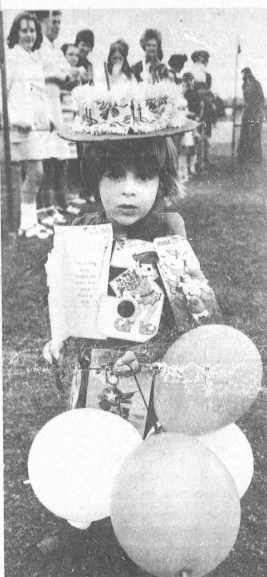
Mr. Knowles said that the collapse had not been caused by a design fault, but by a number of minor faults in the construction.

At the room in the school are on the ground floor. Two main buildings containing classrooms, one built in 1868 and the other in 1879, are joined together by a modern brick and felted building. There is about three quarters of an acre land included in the sale.

How do you rate?

COUNCILLOR Cliff Proust of Hughenden Valley told the five district councils and the county in its representations to the Government making a special case for Bucks and the council agreed. Cliff Proust urged all for use of the county to find out whether they were eligible to apply to the Wycombe District Council.

Mark-three!



Meet the birthday boy, Mark Kelloway, who was three on the day, as he won a prize in the fancy dress at the Lucy Green School Fayre on Saturday. Picture by Geoff Gomme.

And a bed for 20p

AN ESTIMATED £1,200 was raised at the grand charity auction staged at Burnham Hall, Burnham, on Saturday by the town's Rotary Club. The money will be spent on providing emergency alarm systems for the elderly and disabled, while £300 will pay for a specially adapted typing machine for the Princes Marina Home (Pond). Donations will also be made to the Aylesbury Samaritans and other local charities.

The successful auction — which started at 10.30 a.m. and lasted until the evening — was the culmination of months of hard work by the Rotarians, who under the leadership of Mr. Mostyn Tripp, started collecting saleable goods in November.

There were numerous bargains for everyone, including an Edwardian double bed for 20 pence, a chest of drawers and dressing table also for 20 pence, and a blue commode for 30 pence.

Other cheap buys included working televisions for 50 pence each, a 100-watt electric cooker for £36, a fridge for £17, a 40-watt halogen cycle for £9 and a black marble clock for £15.20.

HOLIDAY MID-WEEK

Your Mid-week will appear as usual after the Spring Bank Holiday, but in order to help us with production we'll ask correspondents and advertisers to endeavour to see that their copy reaches us before the weekend. Friday 4 p.m. if possible. Thank you — E.D.



The Queens Head TYLERS GREEN.

The 300 year old Queens Head at Tylers Green is opening a new restaurant. The Electric Carvery seats 56 people in the retained old world atmosphere but with the now added sumptuous comfort. The house speciality is succulent, tender, roasted joints and diners are invited to carve for themselves as much as they can eat. Alternatively, there is a wide selection of other traditional dishes, together with a choice of home-made dishes of the day.

Above the restaurant, is the delightful Queens Parlour Bar, uniquely situated in the loft of a beautifully converted barn. The original beams, arching from wall to wall, lend a charming atmosphere to the room, where Whitbread beers are offered together with spirit doubles at a special price.

The Parlour Bar is available for Private Functions and Weddings. For further information and Table Reservations, contact the General Manager, Mr. C. Rudge.

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